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Thought for Today

"And they pitched by Jordan, ... And the Lord spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan; " Num. 33: 49-51

We are relocatees are pitched by the Jordan (Arkansas), but we are not over Jordan yet. There are many matters we must decide and relocate, especially in the matters of the soul, before we can cross the Jordan and be able to conquer and not be conquered. After we have done our godly prerequisites, then we can cross the Jordan over the rocky ford, not as animals, but as Las Animas (literally the souls), as souls of God, and build not only a Pueblo but a city of God, the Kingdom of God, as the name Amache (Ama-heaven--chi-land) implies in Japanese.

Are you meetings the requirements of the soul? Are you getting to know Jesus? Are you getting to know God?

Are you thinking on these things?

ENGLISH DIVISION

The English Division, with its regular Sunday morning English worship service, and Sunday evening young people's meetings, and other meetings already in the making, is coming along fine. The morning services have been getting around 325 people and the evening joint gatherings running from 150 to 405, as it was on Nov. 15th.

The morning worship is conducted by the Nisei preachers, with the preaching and chairmanship done alphabetically, in the following order: Mr. Victor Fujiu, Rev. Harry Hashimoto, Rev. Masao Hirata, Rev. Akira Kuroda, Rev. Chiaki Kuzuhara, Mr. Dave Yutaka Nakagawa, Rev. Lester E. Suzuki; the chairmanship order is the reverse.

In due time, the various age groups will be organized and they will have their own meetings on Sunday evenings or other convenient time. The temporary advisory committee suggested by the Nisei Council has various divisions. The Junior Group (9,10,11 yrs. old) advisory group is composed of the following persons: Mr. Yutaka Nakagawa, convenor, Mr. Cochrane, Fumi Hasegawa, Mrs. Michiko Kuroda, Miyo Yamazaki; Jr. High: Mrs. Aiko Hori, Takashi Date, Mrs. Kashiwagi, Aiko Hoshino, Ruth Smith, Rev. Kuroda, convenor; High School group: Yoshiko Ito, Jimmie Yamanaka, Kazuo Masuda, Mr. Lucas, Rev. Suzuki, convenor.; College and Above group: Masao Satow, Mrs. Cochrane, May Matsumoto, Lafayette Noda, Emi Hinoki, Rev. Hashimoto, convenor. Please help when the convener calls.

On Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 26th, at Terry Hall, at 10:00 a special Thanksgiving Service in English will be held. Special music will be rendered. The message will be given by Mr. Victor Fujiu and Rev. Kuroda will be chairman. This is the year when we should increase the spirit of Thanksgiving, when you have less in material matters but perhaps more in spiritual matters. Let's give thanks to God before we partake of our ???.

一世 DIVISION

The Issei Division is very busy with their activities too. They have two services on Sundays and Wednesdays, at 7H & 10H, North and South Church respectively. People south of 9H go to 10H and people from

9H to 6H go to 7H, Sunday at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesdays Prayer meeting at 7:00 P. M. Sundays they average about 90 at the North Church, and 140 at the South Church. Wednesdays they average about 25 each place.

Besides these regular meetings the Issei, especially, hold numerous family meetings of particular churches at homes mostly. Some of them have goodly crowds.

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.

A special Sunday School News was issued by chairman Rev. Chiaki Kuzuhara. Orchids for such nice work. We'll refer you to that for further Sunday School News. Let it be reminded that the High School and College classes is in existence and we want you to take advantage of them every Sunday.

PAID FOR OCTOBER

With the cooperation of the Issei and Nisei Divisions, enough money was secured to pay partially, the ministers without mission board aid. The Niseis have contributed $40.00 toward that so far. Other expenses will be office supplies, mimeograph supplies, music supplies, and other supplies that would come up from time to time. Mr. Masatoshi Sugihara is the treasurer of the English Division and Mr. Takashi Moriuchi is the temporary treasurer of the evening meetings, until group treasuries are organized.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Future Sunday evening programs have been planned and the following are on schedule: Nov. 22th, Rev. James Sugioka, speaker; Nov. 29th, Rev. Curtis Westfall of Lamar, speaker; Dec. 6th, Movies by Rev. Wentland, a returned missionary; Dec. 13th, return meeting with Lamar; Dec. 20th, Christmas meeting with music predominating. For other meetings we hope that different age groups will work them out with young people's leadership.

USHERING BY CHURCHES.

At the last English Division Council meeting chairman Kenji Okuda of the General Arrangements Committee got the following churches to do the ushering the fire making for morning and evening: Nov. 22: L.A.Holiness, Nov. 26: L.A.Christian Ch., Nov. 29th: Livingston Methodist; Dec. 6th L.A. Methodist; Dec. 13th: Modesto Holiness; Dec. 20th: Cortez Presbyterian; Dec. 25: Christmas program: Dec. 27th: L.A. Union. We expect these churches to take note and take their turns, and we expect other churches to volunteer too.

MID-WEEK MEETING

Soon we will have a Mid-Week Meeting for Niseis as other centers do. We have been stalled due to lack of a meeting hall but we'll have that soon. Idaho, Wyoming, Rohwer, Poston, Gila, Tulelake, and no doubt the other centers too, have their mid week services for Niseis. Please watch for announcements.

Help from Outside

Offers of help for materials needed here in camp have come directly from various churches. The Denver Japanese Church Youth Fellowship through the Social Service Chairman have offered to do some kind of project to help us. From Moline, Kansas, Rev. Chas. E. Davis wants to know how their boys and girls can help to bring a happy Christmas for our boys and girls. Rev. Clyde Browster of Baldwin, Kan., asks for specific instructions as to the type of things needed. No doubt there are other large and small groups that are working toward the same end, such as the Colorado Church Council, the Federal Council of Churches.

It has been discussed to some degree but any further suggestions would be welcome.

MR. NAKAGAWA AND MR. FUJIU SPEAKS AT NEIGHBORING CHURCHES.

Both Mr. Nakagawa and Mr. Fujiu were invited by the Baptist and Free Methodist Churches respectively to speak at Rocky Ford, Las Animas, Pueblo and other little towns. A lot of goodwill work was done by them. Mr. Nakagawa reports of a great inspiration when a stream of well-wishers came and put money in his hands when they shook hands. The money is spent for Bibles and Bible portions, he states.

Rev. Lester E. Suzuki will speak at the Denver Japanese Church and also at the Grace Community Church on Nov. 29th, besides spending Thanksgiving with his wife's folks near Denver.

DONATIONS.

Mr. and Mrs. Yuzawa and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jonokuchi and Mrs. Watanabe (Mr. Jonokuchi's mother-in-law), and Mrs. Watanabe(Ruth Watanabe's mother) all have made substantial donations tot he church for appreciation for conducting Chieko Yuzawa's and Mr. Watanabe's services, and for thanksgiving for a baby girl in Mr. Jonokuchi's case. Thank you all very much.

Also Mr. George Nakagawa of Denver donated a little sum to the church just for using the camp.

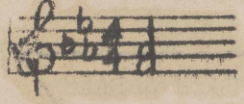
Religious Library

A religious library of from 50 to 100 books will be made available for ministers and laymen too, soon, through the courtesy of the Pacific School of Religion with the cooperation of six or seven seminaries, including the Iliff School of Theology of Denver. The books will remain from three to six months, and then will be sent to other camps. Donors have also made gifts for this purpose.

At present the Pacific School of Religion is conducting a circulating library for ministers by mail.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y.W.C.A., through the leadership of Miss Dorothy Takechi and Miss Alice Suzuki, is making rapid headway, with one rally successfully completed and another one pretty soon. Go West, young lady! Go West!



Choir

The Granada Christian Church Choir is working hard every week and makes a good showing every Sunday, a capella, a feat other choirs can't do in a week. For Thanksgiving and Christmas, more voices are desired, male especially. They practice in the Music Room, 8H 11E, every Tues. and Thur.

Miss Mayme Kishi is the director of this choir.

NISEI CHURCH COUNCIL

Regular meetings of the English Division Church Council will be hold on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month, at 7H. Please remember the dates. 7 P.M.

Wanted - Workers.

Workers are wanted, not for beets or potatoes, but for issuing this Granada Christian Church News periodically. Applicants please apply to any one of the Nisei ministers. Very short of labor. Pay? Let's talk it over.

We Say "Thank You"

A great deal of thanks and appreciation go to Miss Clara Yamaguchi and Miss Yoshiko Ito, co-chairman of the refreshments committee for the Nov. 15th, joint Amache-Lamar young people's meeting. To take care of over 400 people with ration for 250, is a job nobody else can do.

Equally thankful are we for the beautiful offerings bags, both for the English Division and the Sunday School. Miss Haruko Akahoshi, Mrs. Mary Takeyama, Mrs. Michiko Kuroda, and A. Kuroda are responsible for making them. Thanks a million.

NISEI MINISTERS AT COLORADO CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Walther of the Junior High School, Reverends T. Agatsuma, Harry Hashimoto, Chiaki Kuzuhara, and Akira Kuroda, made a trip to Denver and represented the Granada Christian Church at the Colorado Church Council Conference. Besides the Council meeting they did some shopping, an important one being at the American Bible Society Branch. Night driving was their way of saving time.

DR. FRANK HERRON SMITH VISITS AMACHE

Dr. Frank Herron Smith, chairman of the Pacific Coast Committee for Wartime Japanese Service, was a welcome visitor to camp. He spoke at the English Service in the morning, to the Women's meeting in the afternoon and to the Isseis in Japanese in the evening. Besides he had a dinner meeting with the ministers at the 9H Mess Hall. Thanks to 9H.

THANKS go to the The Rocky Mountain Churchman, through the Colorado Church Council, we suppose, for a whole half a page in their paper devoted to the Amache camp needs.

The Holiness Young People meet every other Thur. for fellowship at 10H.